

Mr. E. P. RAMSAY, F.L.S., &c., read the following papers:—

Description of a new species of *Pachycephala* from Fiji, in the collection of Wm. Macleay, Esq., F.L.S.

PACHYCEPHALA KANDAVENSIS.—*Sp. Nov.*

Adult male—The whole of the head, earcoverts, and a narrow crescentic band, widest on the sides, and extending across the chest from the lower earcoverts, jet black; a narrow collar round the back, widest on the sides of the neck, and a patch joining it to the chest, bright yellow; the throat, inside the black pectoral band, pure white; the breast and remainder of the under surface, bright gamboge yellow, of a slightly deeper and duller tint on the abdomen and under tail-coverts; under surface of the wings dark brown, the margins of the inner webs of the quills towards the base, buffy-white; the under wing-coverts white tinged with-yellow; interscapular region, back, and remainder of the upper surface yellowish olive; wings blackish-brown, the coverts and scapulars broadly, and the quills narrowly margined with yellowish olive; tail dark brown above, paler below, the centre two feathers and outer webs of the remainder tinged with olive yellow; bill black; legs greyish brown; iris reddish brown. Total length (*exclusive of bill*), 5·5 inches; wing, 3·5; tarsus, 1 inch; tail, 2·6; bill from forehead, 0·7; from nostril, 0·4; from gape, 0·8.

The male of this species may be recognised by the *narrow line of black* across the *lower part* of the chest, and by its being of a nearly even width throughout; or, if anything, wider on the sides than in the centre of the chest, and by the large extent of white on the throat.

Female (Not quite adult)*—Above, olive brown, slightly tinged with olive yellow; wings and tail blackish brown; the upper wing-coverts and inner secondaries broadly margined and tipped with rich cinnamon or rufous-brown, the remainder of the quills narrowly margined on the outer webs with the same colour; a few feathers of the upper tail-coverts, cinnamon brown; the head, dark brown, washed with cinnamon; sides of the head, an

* Shot from the nest, which contained one egg.

ill-defined line over the eye ; the ear-coverts and sides of the neck, the throat, and all the under-surface, cinnamon brown, a little paler on the throat ; under-surface of the wings, brown, the inner webs of the feathers towards the base, whitish ; under wing-coverts whitish ; margins of the wings below, tinged with cinnamon ; tail below dark brown, ; the tips of the feathers tinged with cinnamon ; bill dark brown paler at the base of the lower mandible ; legs and feet, light brown ; iris, reddish brown. Total length, 5·5 inches ; wing, 3·2 ; tail, 2·6 ; tarsus, 1 inch ; bill, from forehead, 0·65 ; from nostril, 0·4 ; from gape, 0·8.

This species was found at "Kandavu," frequenting the thickets on the sides of the ranges ; it was observed breeding during the months of September and October, making a small round open nest of grasses and rootlets, lined with finer material of the same nature.

The only egg procured was taken from a nest, which contained but one, and placed within four feet of the ground in a low bough. The egg is white, blotched largely at the thicker end with jet black, and large irregular shaped blotches of slate colour, which appear beneath the shell ; a few dots of black are scattered over the thin end ; length, 1 inch ; in breadth, 0·73.

Description of a supposed new species of *Pachycephala*, from New Britain, proposed to be called—

PACHYCEPHALA CITREOGASTER.—*Sp. Nov.*

Adult female.—All the upper parts of the head, wings, and tail, rich brown—inclining to rufous brown on the ear-coverts, sides of the face and neck ; and on the shafts and outer webs of the quills, tips of the upper wing coverts, and scapulars ; inner webs of the quills blackish-brown ; all the under-surface whitish ; the feathers on the throat and upper part of the chest margined with brown giving to these parts a burred appearance ; sides of the breast and the flanks tinged with brown, the abdomen inclining to citron-colour, and deepening into citron-yellow about the vent and under under-tail coverts ; under surface of the wings and tail light